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The Warlike Preparations. The wer'lke preparations being actively prosecuted by the Republicans of Pennsylvania and the Democrats of Indiana are calculated to be anything but reassuring to the public mind. These movements are not so foolish as they are dangerous, for any measures of a warlike tendency can only augment strife and incite turmoil. The regular army of the United States is of sufficient strength to crush revolution and crack the shell of any nsurrection that may be attempted by injudicious and malicious men. The report that Gov. Williams, of Indiana, has sent his agents through the State for the purpose of enlisting men in the State militia, whose legions are to march on to Washington to force the inauguration of Mr. Tilden, is, we hope, withou foundation in fact or probability. We say the same thing respecting the reported action of

the Pernsylvania Legislature. Such means as these are absolutely uncalled for and reprehensible. This nation is not ready to open the gates of the Temple of Janus and let mad and devastating fratricidal war stalk abroad in the land. We have a debt piled mountain high upon us. It is snough and as much as we can bear for a hundred years to come. We have sadness and deep-rooted sorrow enough in the green graves which ridge the verdant fields of Arlington. We have pange and thrills of horror enough in the thought of the whitened head-boards which rise from the soil of Andersonville there our brave heroes sleep who were starved to death or shot upon the dead line. We have memories enough of war in the hallowed sesociations of the flercest battles ever fought by the human race, which are now comemorated in the splendid monument that towers high into the heavens at Gettysburg. We have had enough of these scenes of stri and ruin and sadness. We must close the door against anything more of this kind.

In times of peace it is said that we should prepare for war. On the contrary, in times of sace we should make peace more assured by cising wisdom and statesmanship in the management of our national affairs. The regular army will take care of all attempted mob violence. Pennsylvania and Indiana may rest

The Preposed National Bemocratic Convention.

The proposition made by leading Demo crats to hold a national convention in Washington on the 12th of February is a very unwise one, and we are glad to learn that Mr. Hewitt opposes the mischievous scheme. -It is uncomfortable to be threatened with an influx of one hundred thousand unarmed citizen who design watching the electoral count in the interests of Mr. Tilden. But a national convention, without mentioning the arms, is far worse and of a more dangerous import. Any unusual gathering in Washington before the adjustment of the Presidential question has been obtained will be unfortunate, and especially a gathering on the 14th day of Feb ruary for the purpose of influencing the count, as is the object of the proposed Demo-cratic convention. If the Democracy attempt by this demonstration of brute force to become a directing agency for the purpose of controlling by intimidation and menace the action of Congress in the electoral count, it will be the means of arousing the Republican party against the buil-dozing scheme, and here will be two hundred thousand unarmed loyal sovereign citizens here upon that important occasion to counteract their vicious influence. All intelligent persons can therefore part of the Democracy would be to the peaceful interests of Washington and the country. A monster gathering here of the determine and not-headed adherents of both parties can only result in great injury to the liberty and safety of the Republic. Both parties have able men in the National Legislature, and the Presidential question must be settled by them, without influence from outside elements. Interference in this affair can only come from a motocracy, for the intelligent and peace-desiring people of the nation will not participate in the mischievous scheme, except as conservators of the public peace and defenders of their constitutional rights.

It is a singular fact in the history of the world that while there has been an even pace between the march of time and the advance of the agencies of peace, resulting in a universal aspiration for the substitution of arbitration for arms in the adjustment of difficulties be tween nations, there has been no progress at all in the work of peaceably compromising personal differences. While all mankind in the mass unite in efforts to accomplish this humane purpose in respect of the affairs of States and peoples, each unit of the great family, when affected in his own person by the taunt of envy, the taint of insult or the touch of provocation in any form, speedily abandons the moral teachings he has aided in disseminating, and claims the privilege of an appeal to arms, demanding the satisfaction "usual among gentlemen." Those who have been foremost as ministers of peace will themselves declare war on their own priwate account when "affronted" with as much alacrity as the best knight of the days of chivalry, asseverating that "as a gentleman there is no recourse but this-no other pos sible means of retaining a standing of respect

Public opinion, that Janus-faced censor, is responsible for what of mischief of this sort comes to society. It has two outlooks and two aspects. In one direction it condemns all violence, and enjoins peace; this on the sur-face for the general observation. The other way it prompts resentment and justifies the pirit of revenge. It has one code of laws for open promulgation, and another of disavowed, self-denied sentiment, which if it does not demand, is swift to approve the practice of dueling. And this is why we never have been emancipated from the thraidom of nature, as nations, States and societies. What in every man's opto'on is sound morals for public promulgation is wholly insufficient in practice to meet the requirements of private casions, and as society is composed of individuals, and States and nations of societies It is readily seen how it happens that there is a private sentiment which overrides what is voted before the eyes of the world as "public opinion" in all matters appertaining to the settlement of hostile accounts between gentlemen. Nor does it affect the question that the whole structure of public morals is sapped and undermined by this smothered sanction of personal misdoing. It does not matter that one duel among "gentlemen" will have the effect to produce a hundred or a thousand alterestions between parties not gentle men, resulting, perhaps, in murder of the vulgar grade, and in the increased activity of the criminal authorities. It does not matter that society itself is corrupted and degenerated

by the reaction of the vice upon its own or ganization, and that the church and other noral agencies are depressed by such revelations of the shallow growth of evangelization in the hearts of communities. All this is nothing in the way of restraint upon personal nothing in the way of restraint upon personal sympathies in respect to quarrais between gentlemen, resulting in actual crime. They will go not in approval of the offensa that the "honor" of the parties may go unsultied. They will said the slayer from the penalties denounced by the law, and soon restore him to his place in society to enjoy his acquired existing the courage and water.

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tion for an affront. But exactly whence the satisfaction comes is not so plain. If the challenger be killed, his satisfaction is not apparent. If he kills him who gave the affront, the satisfaction is questionable, result-ing, if he be in truth a gentleman, in perpetual pain to blim. Nor is the "satisfaction" any less unsatisfactory to the public, whose judgment is supposed to have been consulted in the course taken. It tends only to array the friends of the parties in a hostile attitude toward each other, and frequently from this cause one duel leads to a series of them, perhaps, in consequence, making many families wretched for all the future.

Let what may be said in favor of the duello. it is clearly only a cheap vamp of knight errantry, aping the chivalry of a dead past which has nothing of the real spirit of the original, and should subject the parties engaged in it to ridicule; which in fact it gener ally does, as in the notable case just flius trated at Slaughter Station-a name compati ble enough with the purpose of the meeting, but quite inconsistent with the result so far as

Mr. Wilson on the Count. The Hon. J. F. Wilson publishes a very able and interesting article in the Burlington Hawkeye on counting the electoral vote. He calls attention to the fact that our fathers in framing the Constitution conferred upon Con gress the extraordinary power of electing the President and Vice President—the former by the House and the latter by the Senate-whe the Electoral Colleges had failed to elect but that they did not intend to invest the two Houses with the greater power of rejecting the votes of the respective States as the whims and fancies might dictate, and thereby create a contingency which alone gives ther the right to elect a President and Vice Presi dent. Such a power as this invested in Con-gress would endanger the Republic and vir tually nullify the will of the people expressed at the ballot-box, for it would give

the two Houses perpetual and absolute power to control the executive department of the Government. The framers of the Constitu tion labored to avert such a thing. They es tablished the Electoral Colleges to avert it for when they have performed their functions the duties of the electors are at an end, mak-ing the decision final except in case of a tie, when the House is to decide. The entire structure of the Constitution clearly demon strates that the power vested in Congress of electing the President and Vice President was not intended to be exercised except in the special contingency of a failure to elect. In regard to the powers of the Senate or House, urrently or otherwise, to reject the voter of any of the States, Mr. Wilson says: "To what a dread result would the nation be brought if that body, by its mere objection to the counting of the electoral votes returned by the electors of any State or States, could prevent an election by the Electoral Col-lege, and thereby gather to itself the power to elect the Presidents of the Republic! The Constitution contains no such wicked con-trivance as this. A majority of the votes re-turned by the electors, and opened and counted by the President of the Senate, elects a President of the United States, and nothing but the abscence of a majority declared b this method can confer upon the House of Representatives the power to elect a Presi-

The Proprietor of the "Robel" and

Henry Watterson has become con-spicuous. It partakes more of the conspiculty of a scare-orow than that of a wart on a man's nose. The unterrifted and neversatisted Bourbons gase upon this blonde son of Kentucky, late editor of the Chattanoo "Rebel," and proprietor of the "Last Ditch," with feelings mingled with awe and trans-awful mortification. It is not generally known that one Walter N. Halde man is the principal owner of the Louisville Courier-Journal and general manager of the establishment. Haldeman is the boy behind the green baize who works the punch. When the war broke out he was proprietor of the Louisville Courier and surveyor of customs at that point, and finding that the Yankee hordes were about to sweep in upon him, he moved southward and became the editor of the Louisville Bowling Green-Nashville Murfreesboro'-Chattanooga - Marietta-Atlanta Courier. After a checkered life, principally made up of lively efforts to avoid the grasping disposition of the Yankee soldiers, Henry brought up in Nashville and Walter started the Courier in Louisville again. But these irrepressible spirits, bound in the one course, could not be kept apart, and the consolidation of the Louisville Courier and Journal witnessed Henry as figure-head and Walter at the helm. In the meantime, while this sweet pair were firing the Southern heart, the Government brought suit for the pocket-money Walter had taken with him and, notwithstanding the tactics of Kentucky lawyers, judgment was given against said W. N. Haideman, of the L. B. C. M. C. M. A. Courier for about \$16,000. Now, for this sum to come out of the stock in trade of the concern, at a time when Henry wanted all the spare change to invest in Ku-Klux pistols was too much. Something had to be done

may be for the purpose of getting Halde-man's deficiencies set aside. If so, Henry should attend strictly to his legitimate business, and let his one hundred thousand unarmed lambs alone. Coming Arctic Wave. If Old Prob. is true to his word, heavy ulsters and warm furs will be in demand within the next twenty-four hours. A broad and massive arctic wave is sweeping down upon us from the dreary wastes of the North sea, and will soon envelope the country with its chilling winds and nipping frosts. Already along the Atlantic coast the thermometer has fallen fifty degrees, and the indications are that we shall have colder weather soon than we have had before this winter. It has been a notable winter with us for its nipping and eager winds and frosts. The snow, which made gala days for Washingtonians during last week, was deeper and mere durable than any which has covered our streets for twenty years. The value of snow is, after all, doubtful thing. It is certainly questionable whether the pleasure that was gleaned from the splendid sleighing can recompense our citizens for the miseries they have been un-

Parsons died at the opportune time, and Wat-

terson, partner of Haldeman and editor-in-

chief of his paper, is sent to Congress-it

dergoing for the past week from the alush and mud which has been so deep and inconvenient in our streets. -Rot a Unautmons Report. The report is still hersided through the Democratic press of the country that Congreseman Crapo denounces the Eliza Pink ston story as a fraud, and that he says the re port of the Louisiana committees will be unanimous. Mr. Crapo has never denounced the Pinkston story as a fraud, neither has he said that the report will be unanimous. On the contrary, from the evidence which he secured while South he is convinced that the Returning Board acted honestly and fairly, and that other districts or parishes should have been, in justice to the voters of the Com monwealth, thrown out. Unanimous reports will neither be made by the Louisians no Florida committee, as the testimony taken by both strongly supports the Returning Boards in their decisions. However, were the Demo-crate inclined to be fair and honest the reports might be unanimously in favor of the action of the respective boards.

RUMONS are plentiful as to the whereabouts of James Gordon Bennett. Some say that yester-day he was privately married to Miss May and secretly embarked from Philadelphis for Europe. Others say that he started across the ocean on Wednesday, accompanied by May and all these who witnessed the duel. Another rumor has is that he is now stopping with the poet Longfellow in Boston, from which port he will sail to day for

Liverpool. Taking these things into consideration, it is evident that Mr. Bennett is the shining mark for the shafts of rumor just new. Everything is contradictory respecting his whereathing is contradictory respecting bouts and his physical and mental o is claimed by some that May's sound is sections that Bennett has fied the courty, lo suspe the severe penalty of the law which was been ficted in case of the death of his vicins. There are some cles, who claim out Bennet was severely when ded and now lying it a thigerous condition at a sare house of Death of the third condition of a sare house of Death of the probabilities are, house or, at May a secreted in Haltimest, with a slight high road in his right arm, and Besnett its glayler. Thist and wrestling with the Becchi alian on its private chamber its the Union Club-house. IN A 'ew weeks it will be "Owe for St. Valen-

THE Nicholls of New Orleans seem to Packard

GIVE the Republicans a constitutional count, and it will beng the cense of the Bemooracy into hundred and eighty-four electoral votes for Til-den it is a claim based upon an attempted theft.

THE Democrats pover fight except in an effort to conceal fraud and corruption. They how i madly over the temporary success of the Michells

CONGRESSMAN MAISH, of Pa., is displaying the qualities of a patriot and stateman in dealing with the perplexing question of counting the electoral vote.

Mn Punian, of Florida, emphatically desics he report that he believes his State gave Tilden a majority. Now the inventors of political fiction

IT WOULD have been an interesting thing for the country if the old Gommodore had left \$50,000,000 of his bonners for educational purposes instead of to the legatess, who are disposed to equabble about the matter. ANOTHER DANOMET revolution is just report The Whydahomians are ready to dethrone their king under the protection of the British forces. After he is dethroned they will probably apply

him the fate of Charles I of England or Louis AN HONEST count and the peaceful inaugura-tion of the duly-elected candidate is what Gen. Grant is determined the people shall have, not-withstanding Henry Watterson's one hundred thousand unarmed lambs who propose to march

Mn. HENRY WATTERSON has not changed his MR. HENRY WATTERSON has not changed his views respecting the presence of one hundred thousand unarmed lambs in the city of Washington on the lith of next month. He claims that their presence is absolutely necessary for the

THE appointment of the Hon. Stewart L. Woodlord to be United States district atterney for the Southern district of New York will be received with great satisfaction by the citizens of the Empire State. Mr. Woodford is a lawyer of great ability, and a gentleman of integrity and many accomplishments.

ion of Mr. Tilden.

THE boasted economy of the Democratic House last winter is fading away before the present flood of deficiency bills. The amount of bills sent in this session is over two millions and a half of dollars. These are absolutely necessary for the Government expenditures in the Treasury, War, Navy and Interior Departments.

WITH GOLD below six per cent. and a rapidlygrowing foreign trade the country ought to be very near the hard pan of a safe commercial basis. The only thing needed now is confidence and sufficient enterprise to absorb unemployed labor. This confidence will be secured by the peaceable inauguration of Hayes, which act will undoubtedly command the approval of public

The Cincinnati Enquirer before Mr. Tilden's nomination at St. Louis called that gentleman a thief, perjurer, robber and criminal. Three weeks after he was nominated the Enquirer sold itself out to the man whom it pronounced a thief and villain. The amount paid for this sheet is estimated at \$20,000, and the editors who were vilely abusing Mr. Tilden before the money was paid are extelling him to the heavens now. A outek barrain and cheap sale. uick bargain and cheap sale.

THE LOYAL people of the country are telling the Republican leaders plainly enough that they want no weakening in the stand taken for the Constitution and the forms of law. They demand that the old constitutional mode of counting the that the old constitutional more of counting the electoral wate is the only proper one, and that there must be no acquiescence in the conspiracy of the Democrats to seems a compromise. The people know their rights, and will have them a all hasards.

sent to public schools, and that the attendance for children between six and eight be limited to three hours per diem, with suitable intermis-tions. The society herein shows wisdom quite as commanding as that of Solomon. What is the use of sending a four-year-old baby to school? It is simply changing educational institutions into nurseries. It is a saving botheration to parents, but hard on the public schools and litt

ONE of the detective witnesses announced yesterday before the Police Investigating Committee as his private and learned opinion that the NATIONAL REPUBLICAN commenced the attack upon the gamblers for the purpose of increasing upon the gamblers for the purpose of increasing its circulation. He is correct in a measure. The REPUBLICAN desired to increase its circulation among the better class of the community, and we knew that striking the infamous fraternity of robbers and their allies would do that very thing It has done it. It has crushed the gamblers, won the sympathy of the honest and respectable people, and we propose to keep that sympathy by keeping these infamous dens closed in the future.

WANTED-In Washington, February 14, 1877, by Messrs. Watterson, Hewitt & Co., Managers and Proprietors of the Democratic Party, 100,000 Roughs, Blacklegs and Cutthroats, to exercise a salutary influence in obtaining a satisfactory count of the electoral vote, and to prove to the world that this is exclusively a white man's ger-ernment. The respondents should be unarmed. A brace of pistols and a bowle-knife, luxuries used in converting negroes to vote the Demo-cratic ticket in the Southern States, are not arcratic licket in the Southern States, are not ex-pected to be omitted by those interested in carry-ing out the above enterprise. Bushwhackers and Copperheads of the Lost Cause it is expected should be specially interested in this holy cru-

We CALL the attention of the District Commis-sioners to the fact that all over the city obstruc-tions are permitted to remain in the streets, occu-pying, in many places, half their width. While temporary occupancy of our thorough area may be necessary during the erection of buildings, it is not essential that the debris of building material or excavations should remain for weeks after the mpletion of the edifice. It has also been noticed that stone and ice carts, losing a portion of their loads in the middle or the streets, the drivers pass unconcernedly on leaving the impediments to upset or break wehicles happening to travel the same routes after dark. The Commissioners would confer a benefit upon the community by

DETECTIVE McDEVITT appeared yesterday as a witness in the gambiers' conspiracy against the NATIONAL EXPUBLICAN. He testified to the fact that he got ten dollars of Major Richards for the purpose of carrying out the alleged conspiracy against Mr. Whitthorne. When he came to ex-plain what he did with the ten dollars the peenliar characteristics of the man were disclosed. His testimony was fitly characterised as "Me-Devitt's wrestle with a ten-dollar bill." He said hat he was only pretending to carry out the althat he was only pretending to carry out the alleged conspiracy, and spent the money in the
pretensions. The ways of that ten-dellar bill
are peculiar. It took the detective bodily into a
salcon in search of Whitthorne, and treated him
to brandy-smashes. Then it carried him into areataurant on the same mission, and fed him with
clam chowder and pickled pigs feet. Then it
hired him a carriage and sported him about town
all the while after Whitthorne. It bought him
cigars and boiled thestauts to steady his nerves
in his desperate attempt to entice the honorable
member from the paths of rectitude and virtue.
It was the means of sending a pal of McDevitt's member from the paths of rectitude and virtue. It was the means of sending a pal of McDevitt's to the Capitol in order to get a good look at Mr. Whitthorne. How many grocery bills it paid for him he didn't say. How many silk pocket hand-kerchiefs it purchased for him he did not mention. It was his pocket money for three days. For three days this energetic official luxuriated on a ten-dollar bill secured under the pretense that he wanted to use it to ferret out the supposed human failings of the honorable member. posed human failings of the honorable member from Tennessee. Anybody who has a ten-dollar bill that they would like to have do three days of good sporting with a willing detective should place it in McDevitt's hands for the business.

New Publications. "THE FAITH OF OUR FATHERS," By Right Rev.
James Gibbons, D. D. For sale by D. A. Brosnahan, 925 G street northwest.
"A MAD WORLD AND ITS INHABITANTS." By
Julius Chambers. Published by D. Appleton &
Co., New York. For sale by Mohun Bros.
"INVENTIONAL GROWPERS" BY William G.

"INVENTIONAL GROMETEL" By William G. Spencer. Published by D. Appleton & Co. For sale by Mohun Bros. The hop at the Palace hotel, San Francisco, last evening, though largely attended, was exceedingly select. The evening passed off to the complete pleasure of all. The programme included twelve dances, the music being by Ballothery's band. Among those present were Admiral Posyny, of the Russian navy; Count Marcecalch, nephew of President Memanon, of France; Baron Schilippentach, M. Vladimir Weletsky, Russian consul, and Emil Grisar, Belgian consul. At 11:46 o'clock an excellent supper, pregided by the host, Mr. Warran Leland, was served, which being completed, dancing was resumed and kept up until quite late. Alle California, Dec. 29.

PRIDAY, January 13, 1677. BILLS, PETITIONS, STO., cation from the War Department, broken request from the constanting officer of asking for the establishment of courts of

Mr. FRELINGE UYBEN: A petition numer-ously signed by distinguished aliabas of both political parties in Nawark, N. J., expressing great satisfaction at the action of the Senate in all party feeling be thrown away and that pa triotism might guide them in all their sets. triotism might guide them in all their asta.

Mr. FRELINGEUYSEN each he fully sympathized with the semimenta contained in the petition, and bolieved there was patriotism and states—manship enough in Congress to settle all dimedities grising, and hoped such patriotism and statesmanship would be exercised, and, should it be, the consequence arising from such peaceful settlement would prove a boon to the nation and be worthy of the contemnal year of our existence.

PRACEABLE SOLUTION OF THE PRESIDENTIAL

By Mr. WRIGHT, from the Committee on Claims: An adverse report on the claim of Sam. Cowing, of Washington, D. C., for payment for use of lands by the United States troops. Adopted, also, favorably upon the bill for the relief of W. A. Woodhouse & Co., of Texas. Piaced on calendar.

THE EXTENDED FOR REPAYING THE AVENUE.

Mr. INGALLS, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, reported the House bill to extend the time for repaying Pennsylvania avenue, in Washington, D. C., from January is, 1877, to June 18, 1877. He said the period named at first would expire very soon, and as the pavenent sould not be completed at that time it was essential that the time should be extended.

Mr. EDE UNDS. I think that bill had better its over. It is a very important bill.

Mr. INGALLS said the time for completing the pavenent under the contract would expire next Monday, and as there would be no session to morrow it was necessary that action be laken today. It would probably obviate some questions of law which would be more than likely to rise if the time expired without the completion of the parement.

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Mr. EDM UNDS said he saw the force of what the Senator from Kansas had said, and he also saw the force of what the Senator from New York said she other day about the condition of the approaches to the Capitel, and he thought best to have the bill lie over until a day when the people of the District who were interested might know of it, and take such action as they thought best. It was due to the property-holders on the south side of the Avenue, who had been greatly injured by the delay of the contractors to finish the pavement.

Mr. INGALAS said this was a House bill which had been duly considered, and the people had been aware of its passage by the House. Be thought the contractors ought not to be held seponsible for the dalay, as he inderstood lawy were acting under the direction of the commission appointed for repaving the Avenue.

Mr. CONKLING said that when the bill for repaving the Avenue was passed he unwisely remarked that he would not vote for any extension of the time for completing it. He ascertained that there were 0,000 square pards, and that lood yards could be laid in a day, and therefore ninety days would be sufficient. Afterwards forty-five days more were added to that, making sea hundred and thirty-five days in all, and this would leave a fair margin for the completion of the pavement. He had been told that the contractors laid on their cars day after day; then, when a day same when it was pretty evident that frost was coming, they went to work, and now they ask for an extension of time. The traders on the south side of the Avenue had been shat out, embargoed as it were, and customers prevented from reaching their places of business.

Barrelac coal far and barrels of comset had been piled up in front of their stores until it was almost impossible to reach them. It was a pretty serious matter, and it was strange that a pavement of the contrac

March.

Mr. MORRILL said that part of the delay at first was caused by the failure of the contractors to obtain the proper material, and when they obtained that half of the month of November was so stormy as to prevent the laying of the pavement.

The bill was then laid over, Mr. INGALLS giving notice that he would call it up Monday. Mr. THURMAN introduced a resotation requesting the Committee on the Revision of the

questing the Committee on the Revision of the Laws to inquire into the propriety of publishing a new edition of the nots of Congress, including the articles of confederation and the Constitution of the United States.

Mr. CONKLING. It would not come amiss to Mr. THURMAN. That will be included. electoral vote is the only preper one, and that there must be no acquiescence in the conspiracy of the Democrats to secure a compromise. The people know their rights, and will have them a all hasards.

The Medico Legal Society has announced as its private and learned opinion that children between four and six years of age should not be sent to public schools, and that the attendance of the set of July last authorizing the Secretary of War to issue worn-out arms to the site.

tary of war to issue worn-out arms to the citi-sens on the frontiers so protect themselves from the Indiana, so as to include fifty rounds of fixed ammunition with the arms. He said the fixed ammunition was omitted by an oversight, and this was only to authorize the issue of the ammu-nition.

objection arising, it was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion of Mr. ALLISON, it was agreed that when the Senate adjourn to-day it be to Monday when the Senate adjourn to-day it be to Monday next.

Mr. COOPER asked that the bill for the relief of W. H. Ward, allowing the Court of Claims to take jurisdiction of any claim he may have againt the Government for the use of or infringement of a patent for a machine for making bullets.

Debate arising the bill was not taken up, and Mr. COOPER subsequently, at the suggestion of other Senators, submitted a resolution calling upon the Secretary of War for any information concerning the case in pessession of the Department; which was adopted.

Mr. CAMERON, of Pa., introduced a bill to serrect an appointment in the Pay Department.

Military Affairs.

INCORPORATING GLENWOOD CEMETERY.

Mr. INGALLS asked consideration of House bill No. 3741, to amend the act incorporating the proprietors of Gienwood cemetery, in Washing ion. See the second consistency, in waning-ton.

Mr. SHERMAN opposed the bill, and offered an amendment in the form of a substitute, giving the lot-holders control over the property instead of the proprietors of the land. He explained the bill and gave the history of the cemetery. He said there had been a good deal of feeling among the lot-holders on the subject. The proprietors of the land had managed it as a memopoly and for the purpose of speculation. The substitute which he offered gave power to the lot-holders to manage the safiairs of the cemetery.

The CHAIR announced that the morning hour had expired.

had expired.
Mr. INGALLS asked that the bill be consid-

Mr. INGALLS asked that the bill be considered by unanimous consent.

The CHAIR said the Senstor from California had given notice that he would submit some remarks on the resolution which he offered on Tuesday.

Mr. INGALLS yielded for that purpose.

Mr. BOOTH yielded to Mr. Gordon to present a bill to create a sinking fund to liquidate the bonds of the Pacific railroad, &c. Committee on Railroads. MR. BOOTH ON COUNTING THE ELECTORAL VOTE.

MR. BOOTH ON COUNTING THE ELECTORAL VOTE.

Mr. BOOTH briefly addressed the Senate upon his resolution in relation to counting the sisetions vote. He explained the resolutions, and said it was a novel thing for the House to desire the privilege of deciding which were the true votes. When the authors of the Constitution said "the votes shall then be counted," they meant it to be a ministerial act, and not a judicial one. There were many authorities against authorizing Congress to reject votes, but none against the authority of the Senate. Somebody must decide. Who shall it be? The resolution offered provided that it shall be done by the Justices of the Supreme Court. The responsibilities of the consion required them to arise above State eraft and act patriotically and without party bias or prejudice.

At the conclusion of his remarks the bill to amend the act incorporasing the proprietors of Gienwood cemetery was taken up, and discussed by Messrs. SHERMAN and INGALES, amended and passed.

Mr. BOUTWELL called up the bill for the

by meers. Behavior and Involves, amended and passed.

Mr. BOUTWELL called up the bill for the perfection of the revision of the laws, and minor amendments were submitted by Meesrs. Bourwell and Hamily, after which the Senate concurred in the amendments and the bill passed.

Mr. GORDON called up the bill for the relief of Robert Irwin, and yielded to Mr. CORKLING to move for an executive session; and at 2:50 the Senate went into executive session, and at 2:55 adjourned till Monday.

House of Representatives. Mr. BRADLEY, of Mich., introduced a bill to

The SPEAKER then proceeded in the morning hour to call the committees for reports of spri-vate nature, and a number of bills were reported and placed on the private calendar.

Mr. TUFTS, of Iows, from Committee on Indian Affairs, reported a bill authorising the Secretary of the Interior to Invest in bonds of the United States the unexpended balance of appro-United States the unexpended balance of appropriations for the bands of Chippewa Indians of Lake Superior. Passed.

The House then went into Committee of the Whole on the private calendar; Mr. Wilson, of Iows, in the chair.

The committee discussed a bill for the relief of the Mission of St. James, in Washington Territory, for nearly an hour, when, without action, the committee rose.

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Mr. KNOTT, of Ky., from the Committee on the Judiciary, submitted a report in relation to the refusal of E. W. Barnes to produce certain telegrams. The report was read at the Glerk's deak by Mr. KNOTT himself; and is an elaborate argument to show the authority of the House to demand the production of telegrams are not such communications as are entitled to be specially privileged. It is also an argument to show that an employee of the company is not excused from producing a paper by reason of the order of a superior officer.

The reserve cleased with the recommendation of

superior officer.

The report closed with the recommendation of the adoption of three resolutions: 1. That said Barnes be required to produce to the select New Orleans committee the telegrams which had not been sent to Mobile by order of the superintendent before December 13. 2. That Barnes be brought again to the bar of the House, and that he be asked by the Syrakken if he will produce said telegrams. 3. That if he says he is willing to produce said telegrams and will do so, that he be allowed a reasonable time to do so, and that upon so deing he shall be discharged from oustody.

The resolutions were adopted, and Barnes was again produced at the bar of the House by the Sergmant at Arms.

The SPEAKAR then propounded the question required to be asked by the second resolution.

Er. Barnes replied: When I left New Orisans I was necessarily superseded, and being under

heavy bonds and being unwilling to be reapon-sible are my property that was in charge of others, I am not now at present in the control of any-thing or message in the New Orieans office. Shoul I again obtain persession of the messages, and sould there be among them the papers de-sent will the subposes, I will willingly produce SPEAKER. The witness is again in the trefthe Sergeant at Arms.

AMPIELD, of Ohio, said the witness was the the custody of the Sergeant at Arms, and the House. The Sergeant at Arms

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the resolution.

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de that the witness had not answered.

The SPRAKER repeated that he had not given
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verted. in that Turnery. Ordered to be proposed and Figure 1. The said the witness was now in the custody of the House, and no power but the House could determine whether his answer was substituted for the House to determine. If the House declares his answer satisfactory then the witness is discharged. If not, then the House must take further order in the matter.

Mr. BRIGHT, of Tenn, contended that the resolution itself prescribed the terms under which the witness would be discharged, which was when he answered. was when he answered.

Mr. KASSON of Iowa, said that a misappre bension seemed to have arrisen in the House, be cause of the Srzanzia apprepriate y secondition of the witness to the custody of the Sergeaniat

The SPEAKER said he had only decided in accordance with his understanding of the resolu The SPEAKER said he had only decided in accordance with his understanding of the resolutions. The witness at the bar must give a categorical answer. Otherwise he is still in the custody of the Sergeant at Arms.

Mr. KASSOR said that the custom always had been for the House to determine by resolution what it would do, and he would suggest that the answer be referred to the Judiciary Committee to report upon its sumfeiency or insufficiency, and that in the meantime the witness remain in custody. The witness, it is true, has not made a categorical answer, but says that the papers have passed out of his custody, and that he will produce them if he again gots possession of them.

The SPEAKER said that was a decidedly qualified answer. The SPEAKER said that was a decidedly qualified answer.

Mr. BROWN, of Ky., said that under the resolutions adopted the witness was to be discharged in a certain contingency, which was if he made snawer that he would produce the messages. Here the SPEAKER has, of his own motion, decided the sufficiency of the answer, which is a prerogative that belongs to the House. The House alone can determine as to the sufficiency of the answer, and it was not for the SPEAKER to do so.

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The SPEAKER said that under his construction of the resolution he had declared the witness still in custody.

Mr. ENOTT said he thought the SPEAKER was correct in what he had done, but in order to settle the question he would offer a resolution that the answer of E. W. Barnes to the question propounded by the SPEAKER is not deemed sufficient, and that he be remanded to the custody of the Servanta-Larms and be discharged by the order of the House.

Mr. KASSON hoped that resolution would not be adopted now, but that the answer would be sent to the Judiciary Committee, to determine its sufficiency.

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After a collequial debate and a consultation between the witness and his counsel.

Br. OAULFIELD, of III, said that the witness desired to make further answer, and he asked than he be allowed to do so.

Permission being given, Mr. Barnes made the following as a further answer: "I intended my answer to be such as seemed to answer the inquiry. I thought I would inform the House of my condition. I am entirely willing to produce the messages, and will do so if I can."

Mr. WOD, of N. Y., said that if the witness answers that he will produce the papers if he can it was all that the House could require of him. He should be permitted to do so, but should remain in custody of the Sergeant-st-Arms until he does.

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Mr. HUNTON, of Va., suggested that perhaps the witness would be willing to let his first answer stand with the second by striking out the words "if I can" from the second answer.

After consultation between witness and his counsel and several members.

Mr. WATTERSON, of Ky., said that the witness requested that he might, through his counsel, make a verbal explanation.

There were requests of dissent in some parts of the House and of assent in others.

Mr. WATTERSON said the witness felt himself incompetent to make the explanation, and he asked to be heard by a counsel only for a minuta. The SPEAKER said it was for the House t

The SPEAKEE said it was for the House to detarmine.

Mr. HARRIS, of Va., thought the House was losing sight of the main question. The witness should be declared incompetent for refusing in the first instance to produce the felegrams before Mr. Mosnison's committee, and not for his refusal to answer here. The witness says he will produce the messages if he can. He had a chance to produce them when they were first called for, and they are now out of his possession. They have been passed to some one else. This excuse should not be accepted. Mr. Orton can come here also and say the messages are out of his possession, and in that way they can never be reached. The witness should be declared in competent for the first offense. [Applause in the galleries.] Mr. GARFIELD said he hoped the galleries would permit the House to settle this political

would permit the House to settle this pointees, question.

Mr. TOWNSEND, of N. Y., wanted to know if that was the advance guard of the 100,000 that were coming here. [Laughter.]

Mr. KNOTT said that in lieu of the resolution he had first offered, he would offer one that the answer of E. W. Barnes was not deemed sufficient, and that said Barnes was adjudged to be in contempt for a breach of the privileges of the House in refusing to produce telegrams in obedience to the subpoms issued by the committe of which Hon. W. R. Monurson is chairman, and that he be remanded to the custody of the Sergeant at Arms until he shall purps himself of the contempt and the statement of the alasynams before and

he remanded to the custody of the Sergeant-atArms until he shall purge himself of the contempt
by the production of the telegrams before said
committee.

Mr. GARFIELD said that it was understood
that the contempt of the witness was to consist in
his refusal to answer in the House, but this resolution declares the contempt to be the refusal to
produce the telegrams before Mr. Monatson's
committee. He hoped it would not be adopted.

Mr. HALE, of Me., hoped the resolution would
not be pressed until after the witness had had an
opportunity of preparing an amended answer.

The SPEAKEE said he was informed that the
answer had been returned to the Olerk's desk
without amendment.

Mr. WATTERSON said he was requested by
the witness to state that the discussion and differences of opinion among members had so contased him that he was unable to answer.

The last resolution offered by Mr. KNOTT was
then adopted by a party vote of 1M yeas to 72
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On motion of Mr. KNOTT, the special Commit.

then adopted by a party vote of 121 yeas to 72 mays.

On motion of Mr. KNOTT, the special Committee on the Privileges, Powers and Duties of the House in counting the electoral vote was increased by the addition of two members, and the Spraker appointed Mesers. FireD, of N. Y., and Lawrence, of Ohio.

Mr. KNOTT, from the said committee, then submitted, as a partial report, the following resolutions, which he said he would call up for consideration on Wednesday next:

1. Resolved. That the Constitution of the United States does not confer upon the President of the Sensie the power to examine and ascertain the votes to be counted as the electoral votes for Fresident and Vice President of the United States.

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votes to be counted as the electoral votes for President of the United States.

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2. That the Constitution of the United States confersupon the Senate and House of Representatives to be counted as the electoral votes.

3. That int the execution of their power in respect to the counting of electoral votes the House of Representatives is at least equal with the Senate of Sepresentatives at least equal with the Senate of Sepresentatives to the counting of the electoral votes no vote can be counted against the judgment and determination of the House of Representatives.

3. That he counting of the electoral votes no vote can be counted against the judgment and determination of the House of Representatives.

4. That he committee have leave to sit again and report hereafter further matter for the consideration of the Bonse.

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The SPEAKER laid before the House a mesange from the President in answer to a resolution
of the House in relation to the manner in which
expenditures were made under the bill making
appropriation for the improvement of rivers and
harbors. Ordered printed and referred.

The House then, at 4:40 o'clock, adjourned until
Monday.

FOREIGN NOTES.

The oldest barony in England is that of De Ros, dating from 1984; the Irish barony of Kingsale was created by Henry II, in 1181. There are but three English saridoms dating back from the fifteenth century.

Bubecriptions to raise a statue of Giordano Bruno in Rome, on the spot where he was burned for his panthelsm in 1809, have reached the sum of \$000, and further sums are coming in daily from every part of Europe. The Marquis de Castellane, who committed the indiscretion of being caught in the sot of cheating at eards in one of the Paris clubs, has been obliged to resign his seat in the Chamber of Deputies. His name has also been stricken from the relis of two of the clubs.

Lord Teynham, one of the glittering members of the British aristogracy, has been entertaining twenty cabmen at dinner. Addresses were given by the host and a clergyman, and after one of the cabmen had thanked the former for his kindness, Lady Teynham presented each of them with a been as a souvenir of the season.

The King of Siam recently opened a new mint at Hangkok with a singular ceremony. At 5 o'clock in the evening he repaired to the upper hall and lighted sacred tapers; then the priests worshiped for two hours. The next morning he relighted the tapers and the high priests recited the five commands. These are: "To not kill; do not seem. The next morning he relighted the step and the high priests recited the five commands. These are: "To not kill; do not stepask falsehood; do not drink strong drink." The King them sprinkled with as energy water the new mint mechinery, and with his finger rubbed fiver from a consecrated cake on parts of the machinary.

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The Empress of Austria organised a stag-hunt the other day mear Pesth, and the maddened animal, swimming through a pend, made its way into the city. The Empress, accompanied by Baroness Wallersee, Baroness Edelsheim-Gyulai and Princess Rosa Hoheniohe, took part in the chase with fierce delight and were "in at the death," when the poor creature broke down on the Hunyady-place. A large number of people, attracted by the elattering noise of the large and splendid cavaleade which careered along with its yelping pack of hounds, had assembled in the streets, in utter astonishment at such as extraordinary spectacle. On the approach of the wild chase the crowd turned aside, somewhat terrified by the furious charge. It was a mere chance that some of the numerous children just going to school were not ridden down.

At Last. The newspapers have got even with Sergeant Bates. Intextested by his fame as a flag-bearer this eccentric humbug tried to get in as a resper at the Centennial harvest, but all his endeavors only left him worse off, and he returned to his Illinois home bereft of a fine silver watch given him in Engiand, a flag and considerable jewelry, which a hard-hearted-Philisdelphia landlord kept as security for his unpuid board-bill. His pedestrianising got him a good living and not a few presents, but very little cash, and now he, with a wife and five small obliders, is living near Chicage in abject powerty and actually an object of public charity. We need not point the moral. The citisons of New Orleans love excitement and they manage to have plenty of it. As soon as the present trouble subsides they will have to be thinking of preparations for celebrating Mardi Gras.

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